

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

Since September 7, 2013:

1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?
2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?
3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents:
 - a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?
 - b. For how many has a redacted document been provided?

Answer:

1. For the period 7 September 2013 to 27 May 2014, the Department received 161 requests under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.
2. The specific information sought is not recorded in a way that would readily enable this question to be answered. To do so would be an unreasonable diversion of the resources of the Department.
3. Refer to the answer to question 2.